

Prepublication
Copy

National Healthcare **Quality** Report

December 2003



**U.S. Department of Health
and Human Services**



**Agency for Healthcare
Research and Quality**

Rockville, MD



**U.S. Department of
Health and Human Services**

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality
540 Gaither Road
Rockville, MD 20850



Prepublication Copy
AHRQ Publication No. 04-RG003